

The Spin



Colorado Safe Routes to School State Network

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Welcome

Welcome to The Spin, a monthly e-newsletter brought to you by the Colorado Safe Routes to School State Network.

This month, two major Safe Routes to School topics are keeping our wheels spinning!

First, **HB 1301 Safe Routes to School Funding** (to track this bill, [click here](#)) has passed through the House with bi-partisan support! This bill is scheduled to go before the Senate Transportation Committee on Tuesday, April 22nd. Please reach out to your legislator to let them know how important Safe Routes to School is in your community by clicking [here](#).

Also, we are gearing up for National Bike to School Day on May 7, 2014. Read more about how to [register](#), ideas and ways you can engage your community in the Pedaling Programs and Funding Feet section.

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Stories from Schools

Littleton Students Keep Walking and Rolling to School

For the past three years, Littleton School District has focused on providing bicycle and pedestrian education to almost all of their elementary schools and one middle school. Each elementary school received a comprehensive education program from [Bicycle](#)

[Colorado](#) and participated in a week-long encouragement event during which kids had the chance to bike and walk into their school following painted paths (paw prints of their school mascot). Euclid Middle School started a bike club that has continued through three seasons and will kick off again this spring.

This school district is committed to keeping kids walking and biking and this year, as part of their third grant application, included funding to establish a district bicycle fleet. All elementary PE teachers will receive training on providing bicycle education and running bicycle rodeos. They will be able to check out the district bike fleet for at least two weeks during the school year to continue the comprehensive education program already implemented in their schools. District Wellness Policy states that LPS, "promotes walking or bicycling to and from school using programs such as Walking School Bus and Bike Trains." LPS' commitment to this program is impressive and hopefully can serve as a model for others around the state.

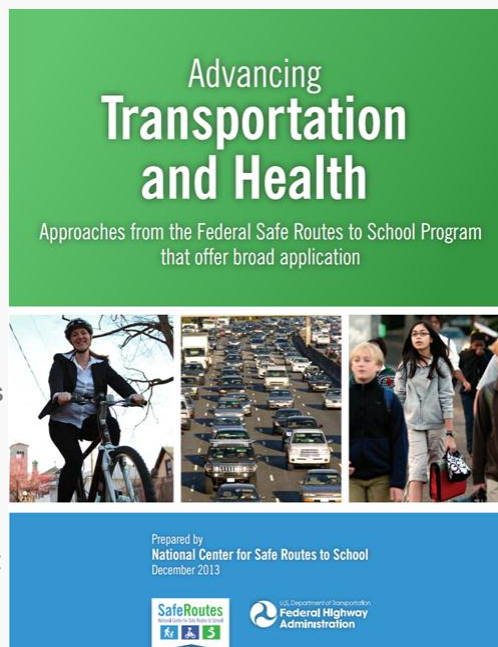
In addition to implementing a district bicycle fleet, four Littleton schools have already registered their Bike to School Day events to engage more children in biking to and from school. [View](#) event ideas you can use and [register](#) your school for Bike to School Day. To learn more about Littleton's great work and successes, contact Jenna Berman at jenna@bicyclecolorado.org.

The National Crosswalk

Advancing Transportation and Health Report Released

The [National Center for Safe Routes to School](#) released its transportation and health report, "[Advancing Transportation and Health: Approaches from the Federal Safe Routes to School Program that offer broad application](#)."

This report summarizes a SRTS Roundtable held with transportation and health professionals who examined the contributions that SRTS has made, and can continue to make, to transportation and health programs. Read more about the nine topics and recommendations that are addressed by clicking [here](#).



Cruisin' with CDOT

CDOT Announces 2014 SRTS Grant Awards

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has announced the projects selected for Colorado's 2014 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding. Awards totaled \$2,361,069 and include both non-infrastructure (education) and infrastructure (capital) projects. The goal of SRTS programs are to provide opportunities to get more kids safely walking and bicycling to school every day. For more details and the full list of projects, [click here](#).

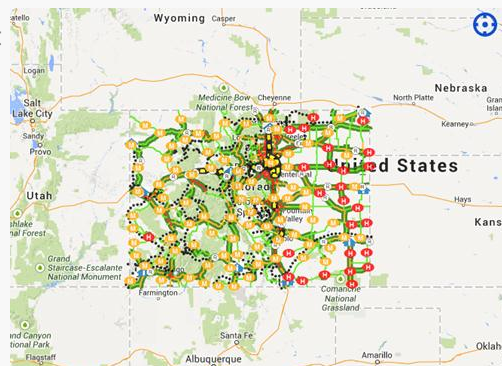
"Interest in the SRTS program has continued to increase every year," says CDOT SRTS program manager, Leslie Feuerborn. "This is an excellent program that teaches children safety, encourages healthy living and helps the environment."

CDOT received 40 applications from across the state – 22 for infrastructure projects and 18 for non-infrastructure projects with a total request for projects of \$6.4M which exceeded the amount available (\$2.4M) by a ratio of more than 2.5 to 1.

Since 2005, more than \$15 million has been distributed to communities throughout Colorado to help more children bike and walk to school. Unfortunately, unless additional funding is appropriated at the state level this will be the last class of SRTS grant funded projects. Email or call your senators today to let them know how important continued funding is for these projects by visiting <https://www.votervoice.net/LIVEWELLCO/campaigns/35755/respond>.

Colorado Bike/Byways Mobile Map

CDOT just released an interactive bike map that allows users to search for bike shops, restaurants, Welcome Centers and more – the map is available for download from a desktop, tablet or mobile phone at <http://dtdapps.coloradodot.info/bike>.



Whether you love riding mountain passes or the open plains, if you are planning a trip or just getting directions to the next town, or looking for new routes around your community, this new map will help you choose the route that best suits your interests and abilities. Enjoy the ride!

Training Wheels and Webinars

Recruiting and Training Volunteers for Long Term Success!

May 15, 2014

12:00pm

[Register here](#)

Part one in a series of two webinars that will explore in depth tried and true methods for recruiting and training volunteers to participate in Safe Routes to School Programs.

Managing and Retaining Volunteers for Long Term Success!

June 19, 2014

12:00pm

[Register here](#)

Part two in a series of two webinars that will explore in depth tried and true methods for ongoing management and retention of volunteers to participate in Safe Routes to School Programs.

Pedaling Programs and Funding Feet

May 7th is Bike to School Day – have you registered your event?

So far, 43 schools in Colorado have registered for Bike to School Day. The SRTS State Network is challenging Colorado to increase participation from last year and that means we need at least 40 more schools to sign up! Register your events TODAY at <http://walkbiketoschool.org>.

As an added incentive to attract new schools, CDOT's SRTS program will award twenty groups registering for the first time (chosen at random) to receive 10 B2SD yard signs (pictured here) in time for their event. Anyone who would like to print their own yard-signs can [download one with May 7th](#) included or [download with a space](#) to include your own date.

Please Drive with Care!



**Wednesday
MAY 7**

Watch for Kids Biking & Walking



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[Click here](#) for Bike to School Day ideas and important safety information you can use for your event!

*The purpose of the **Colorado Safe Routes to School State Network** is to facilitate two-way information sharing and connecting among communities and organizations in order to lift up what is working, identify new opportunities and galvanize support for policy and culture change that will increase the number of*

students walking and biking safely to and from school in every Colorado community.

[LiveWell Colorado](#) serves as the lead facilitator for the Network. Other members of the Network's steering committee include: [Action for Healthy Kids](#), [Bicycle Colorado](#), [Colorado Department of Transportation \(CDOT\)](#), [Children's Hospital Colorado](#), [Kaiser Permanente](#), [Safe Routes to School National Partnership](#), and subject matter experts.

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